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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 4189

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIS, PBOR, UR, NO  
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER NORDLI UNDERSCORES MAIN PRINCIPLES OF GON  
BARENTS SEA POSITION

REF: OSLO 3997

1. NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER NORDLI DELIVERED A FAIRLY HARD-  
HITTING SPEECH TO A NORTHERN NORWEGIAN AUDIENCE AUGUST 17,  
JUST ONE DAY AFTER THE GON'S LOS MINISTER EVENSEN RETURNED  
FROM A LARGELY UNPRODUCTIVE TWO-DAY DISCUSSION WITH THE  
SOVIETS OVER THE NORWEGIAN SVALBARD FISHERIES PROTECTION  
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ZONE (REFTEL). NORDLI REITERATED THAT THE PRESENT SO-  
CALLED GREY ZONE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION WAS ONLY  
A TEMPORARY ONE. WHILE IT WAS THE BEST SOLUTION IN THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES, NORDLI, SAID, A PERMANENT SOLUTION MUST  
BE FOUND AND A CLEAR BOUNDARY ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES IN THE NORTHERN WATERS. NORDLI SAID THAT HE  
EXPECTED THE SOVIET UNION TO SHOW MORE FLEXIBILITY IN

THE BOUNDARY DISCUSSIONS AND THAT NO SOLUTIONS COULD BE ARRIVED AT UNLESS BOTH SIDES WERE WILLING TO COMPROMISE. THERE CAN BE NO SOLUTION, HE SAID, WHEN IT IS EXPECTED THAT ONE OF THE COUNTRIES SHOULD SURRENDER ALL OF ITS STANDPOINTS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT "AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE OTHER UNSOLVED PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BORDER DELIMITATION IN THE NORTH, BOTH AS REGARDS THE ECONOMIC ZONE AND THE CONTINENTAL SHELF."

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS, GON SOURCES HAVE POINTED OUT THAT NORDLI'S SPEECH SHOULD NOT BE LOOKED AT IN ISOLATION, BUT RATHER AS THE CULMINATION OF A YEAR-LONG EFFORT TO GIVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF GON POLICY REGARDING THE NEXUS OF NORTHERN MATTERS PENDING BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE USSR.

3. GON SOURCES HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT THE GON DOES NOT REGARD THE SVALBARD FISHERIES PROTECTION ZONE AS A NEGOTIABLE MATTER. THEY HAVE ALSO STRESSED THEIR CONTINUING LACK OF INTEREST IN A NORWEGIAN-SOVIET "PACKAGE DEAL" IN THE NORTH.

4. COMMENT: NORDLI'S SPEECH, COMING SUBSEQUENT TO THE WELL PUBLICIZED SOVIET SHIP INTRUSIONS OF JUNE AND JULY, SHOULD SERVE TO INFORM THE USSR THAT THE GON, WHILE COMMITTED TO A MEASURED AND PATIENT APPROACH, DOES HAVE ITS STICKING POINTS AND DOES EXPECT SOME RECIPROCITY  
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IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. THE FIRM TONE OF THE ADDRESS ALSO PROVIDES AN ANSWER TO DOMESTIC CRITICS, LARGELY FROM THE RIGHT AND CENTER, WHO HAVE OF LATE BEEN CRITICAL OF THE GON'S HANDLING OF THE SOVIET RELATIONSHIP.  
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